(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As per information provided by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, the installed capacity of passenger cars including multi-utility vehicles during 2000-2001 was 11,46,000 and production during the same period was 6,30,592.

(b) to (d) The Government has not given any direction to the manufacturers to produce only fuel efficient cars. In an open market situation competition is driving car manufacturers to produce more fuel-efficient cars with improved technologies.

Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana

*118. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the ambitious Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana aimed at providing or upgrading shelter for those living in urban slums;

(b) the modalities worked out to select the cities; and

(c) by when this Yojana is likely to be implemented in Punjab, in general, and Ludhiana and Jalandhar, in particular?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to launch Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana during this year with the objective of providing shelter or upgrading the existing shelter for people living below poverty line in urban slums. This is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which is applicable to all the States / UTs, including Punjab, and covers the urban areas having slums. It is for the State Governments to consider, accept and implement the Scheme in the cities having slum population. Punjab Government has already shown interest in the proposed scheme.

Mandatory use of indentity cards in elections

*119. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission proposes to enforce mandatory use of identity cards from the next General Elections;